

Households

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The Census defines “Household” as all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. A Householder is the person, or one of the people in whose name the home is owned or rented. Two types of householders are distinguished: a family householder and a non-family householder. A family householder is a householder living with one or more people related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. The householder and all

people in the household related to him are family members. Family householders consist of Married Couple Families and Households headed by a single parent either male or female.

For this particular section Households have been grouped according to marital status and the sex of the householder. This results in four categories: Married couple, Male single householder, Female single householder, Non family

Table 3.1
Household Type by Race of Householder

	Households		% of Total	
	2000	1990	2000	1990
Total White Households	391,976	395,357	100	100
Headed by Married Couple Families	182,620	185,541	47	47
Headed By Female Single Householder	14,890	12,365	4	3
Headed by Male Single Householder	33,111	32,502	8	8
Headed by Non-Family Householder	161,355	164,949	41	42
Total Black Households	184,163	162,990	100	100
Headed by Married Couple Families	55,172	55,406	30	34
Headed By Female Single Householder	10,553	8,591	6	5
Headed by Male Single Householder	54,898	48,150	30	30
Headed by Non-Family Householder	63,540	50,843	35	31
Total Asian Households	38,918	23,990	100	100
Headed by Married Couple Families	21,929	14,330	56	60
Headed By Female Single Householder	2,218	1,291	6	5
Headed by Male Single Householder	3,270	1,980	8	8
Headed by Non-Family Householder	11,501	6,389	30	27
Total Other Households	103,840	63,187	100	100
Headed by Married Couple Families	57,967	38,656	56	61
Headed By Female Single Householder	9,452	5,294	9	8
Headed by Male Single Householder	15,857	8,299	15	13
Headed by Non-Family Householder	20,564	10,938	20	17
Total Hispanic Households	195,594	120,388	100	100
Headed by Married Couple Families	112,242	70,959	57	59
Headed By Female Single Householder	17,028	9,755	9	8
Headed by Male Single Householder	28,395	15,763	15	13
Headed by Non-Family Householder	37,929	23,911	19	20

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households. Male and Female single householders are also referred to as single parent households. These four types of Households have been studied for the four major racial groups: White, Blacks, Asian, Others and according to Hispanic origin.

In 2000, there were 718,897 households in the City of Houston. Of these households, 44% were married couple families, 36% were non-family households, and 20% were single parent households. Most single parent households are female.

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Married Couple Families

In 2000, there were 718,897 total households in Houston. Of these, 44% were married couple families. Although this reflects an 8% increase in the number of married couple families between 1990 and 2000, as a percentage of all households, married couple families decreased from 46% of all households. This phenomenon is evident in almost every racial category.

In 2000 the largest concentrations of married couple families were located outside Beltway 8, especially in Kingwood and to the far south-east. Large numbers married couple families are in Super Neighborhoods to the southwest, far southeast and in Kingwood. Alief has the most married couple families (20,942). Clinton Park/Fidelety has only 247 married couple families – the fewest of an Super Neighborhood.

Between 1990 and 2000, no significant changes took place in the spatial distribution of married couple families. The suburbs have remained the location of choice for this particular household category.

Married Couple Families by Race/ Ethnic Origin

Geographically, household distribution patterns follow larger racial/ ethnic origin patterns described elsewhere in this document.

White: Of all White Households, in both 1990 and 2000, 47% were married couple families.

Blacks: In 2000, 30% of Black households consisted of married couple families, which is a slight decrease from the 1990 figure of 34%.

Asians: The majority of Asian households are made up of married couple families. However, there has been a decline since 1990, from 60% to 56% of all Asian households.

Others: In the “Other” race category, 61% of all households were married couple families in 1990, which was the highest percentage of all the race categories. However this percentage decreased in 2000 to 56%.

Hispanics*: In 2000, 57% of Hispanic households were Married couple families, down slightly from 1990 (59%).

*See Explanation of Hispanic

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Male and Female Single Householders (Single Parents)

Families headed by an unmarried male or female are most frequently single parent households (adult brothers or sisters living together would be an exception). In 2000, there were more than twice as many single female householders (15% of all households) compared to single male householders (6% of total households). Although the number of male and female single parents increased between 1990 and 2000, there was little change

in the percentage of the total household population each represents. Geographically, household distribution patterns for Male and Female Single Householders follow larger racial/ ethnic origin patterns described elsewhere in this document.

A detailed analysis by race and ethnic origin for households headed by single parents can be found in table 3.1.

Male Single householders tend to be more concentrated in the eastern half of the City.

Table 3.2
Households by Household Type and Marital Status

	2000	Percent	1990	Percent
Married Couple Family	317,688	44	293,933	46
Male Single Householder	37,113	5	27,541	4
Female Single Householder	107,136	15	90,931	14
Non-Family Households	256,960	36	233,119	36
Total Households	718,897	100	645,524	100

	2000	1990	Change	Percent Change
Married Couple Family	317,688	293,933	23,755	8
Male Single Householder	37,113	27,541	9,572	35
Female Single Householder	107,136	90,931	16,205	18
Non-Family Households	256,960	233,119	23,841	10
Total Households	718,897	645,524	73,373	11

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Female Single householders are found in especially high concentrations (25% to 35% of households) in two areas: extending south of downtown and extending northeast of downtown.

Non-Family Households

A non-family householder is a householder living alone or with non-relatives only. In the city of Houston there were 294,889 non-family households in 2000, which is 32% of the all households. This is a change from 1990 when the 257,030 non-family households accounted for 34% of all households.

In 2000, the greatest concentrations of non-family householders are found in the western half of the City inside Loop 610. Woodlake/ Briar Meadow and Westchase, both outside Loop 610 to the west, also have high concentrations of non-family households (60% or more). Greater Uptown and Woodlake / Briar

Meadow have the largest population of non-family households.

Geographically, household distribution for Non-Family Household patterns follow larger racial/ ethnic origin patterns described elsewhere in this document.

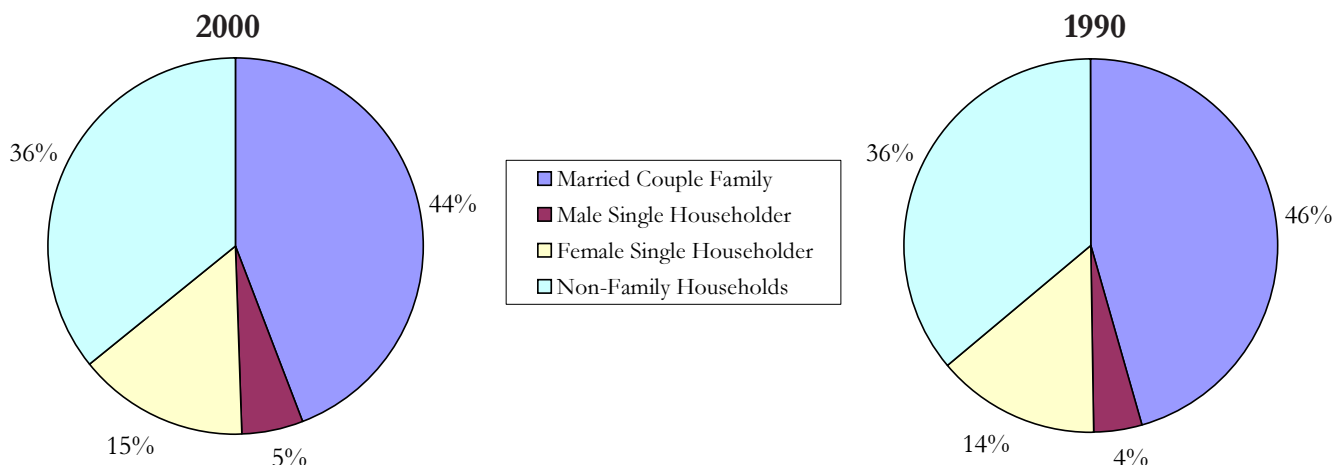
White: Among White households, the percentage of Non-Family householders decreased from 42% in 1990 to 41% in 2000.

Black: Of all Black households, non-family householders consisted of 31% of Black households in 1990 and increased to 35% in 2000.

Asian: Between 1990 and 2000, Asian non-family households increased from 27% to be 30% of Asian households.

Others: Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of householders in the “Other” category

Figure 3.1
Poverty Status of Married-couple Family Households by Race

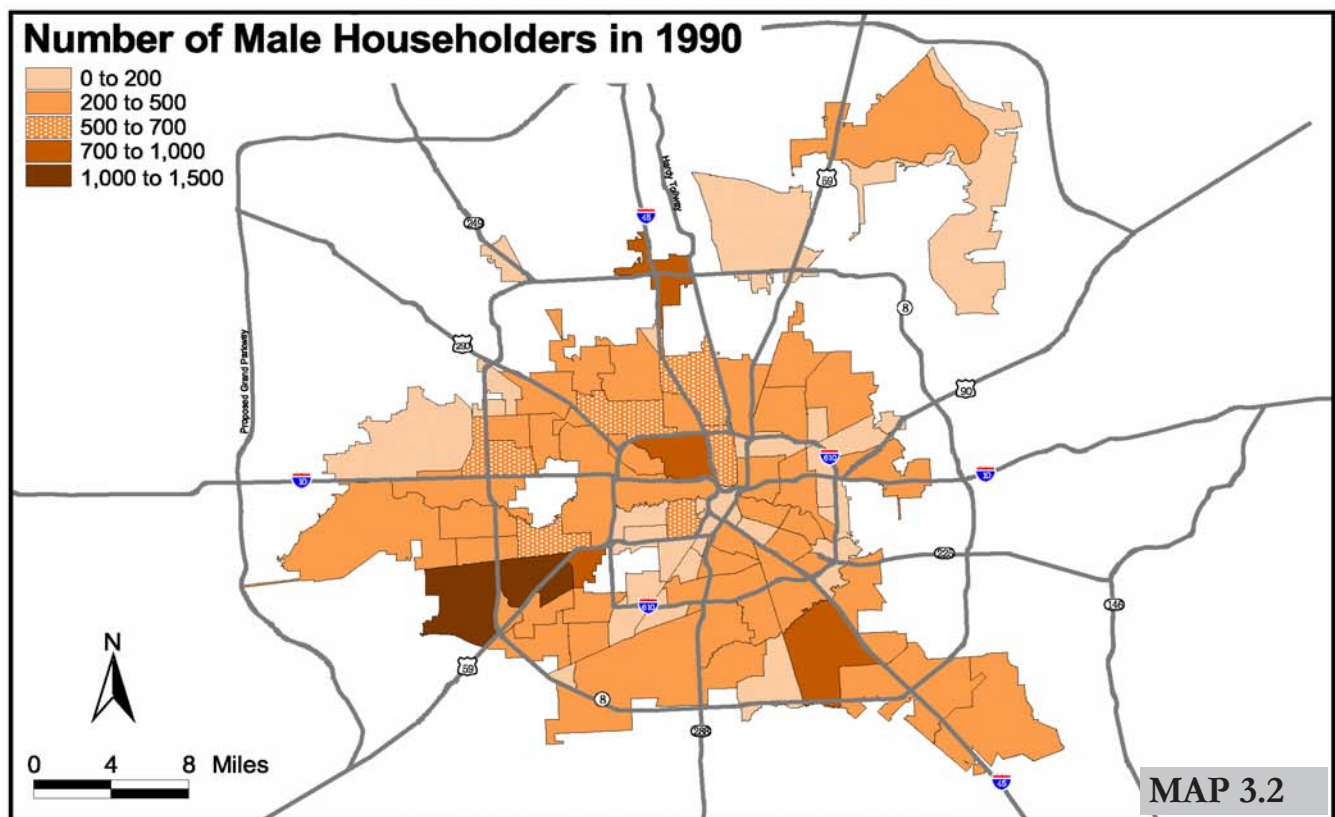
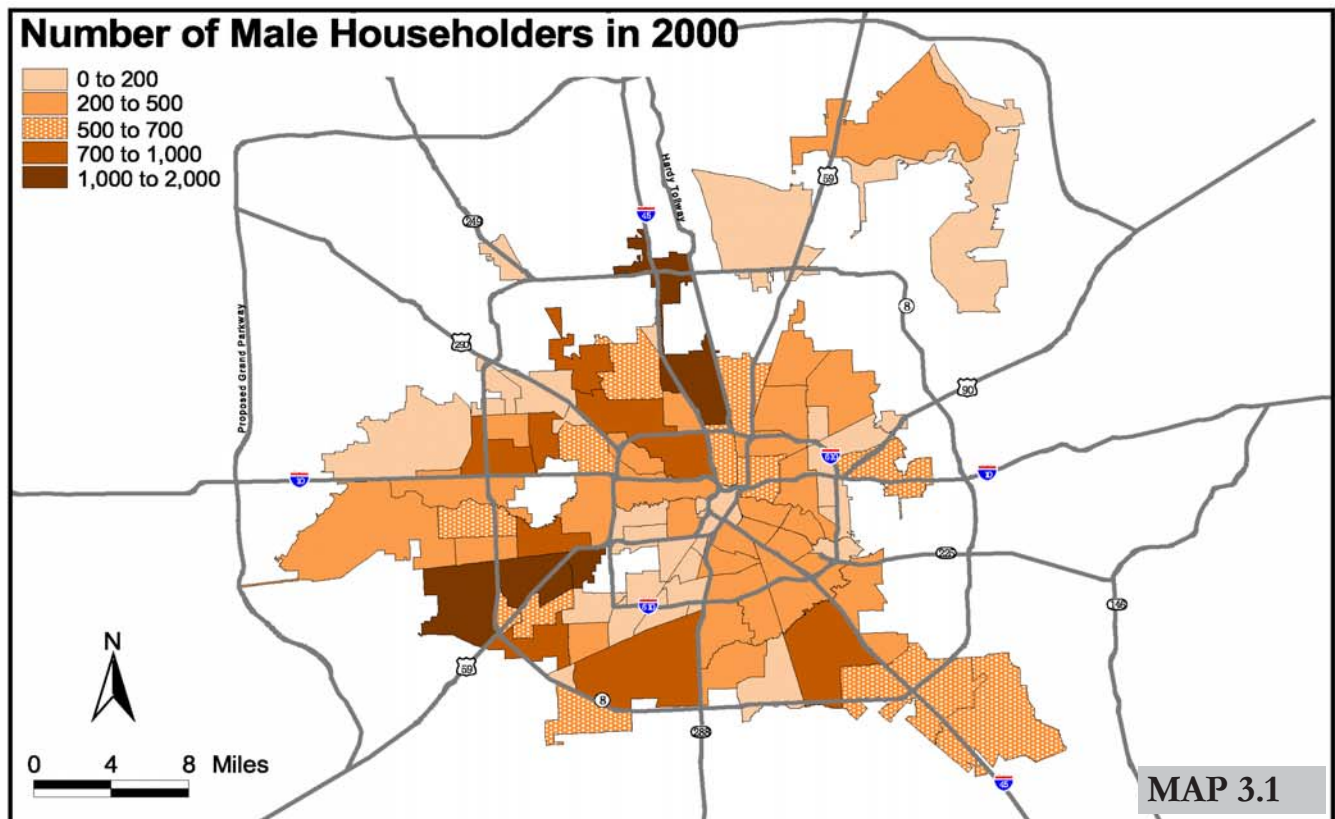


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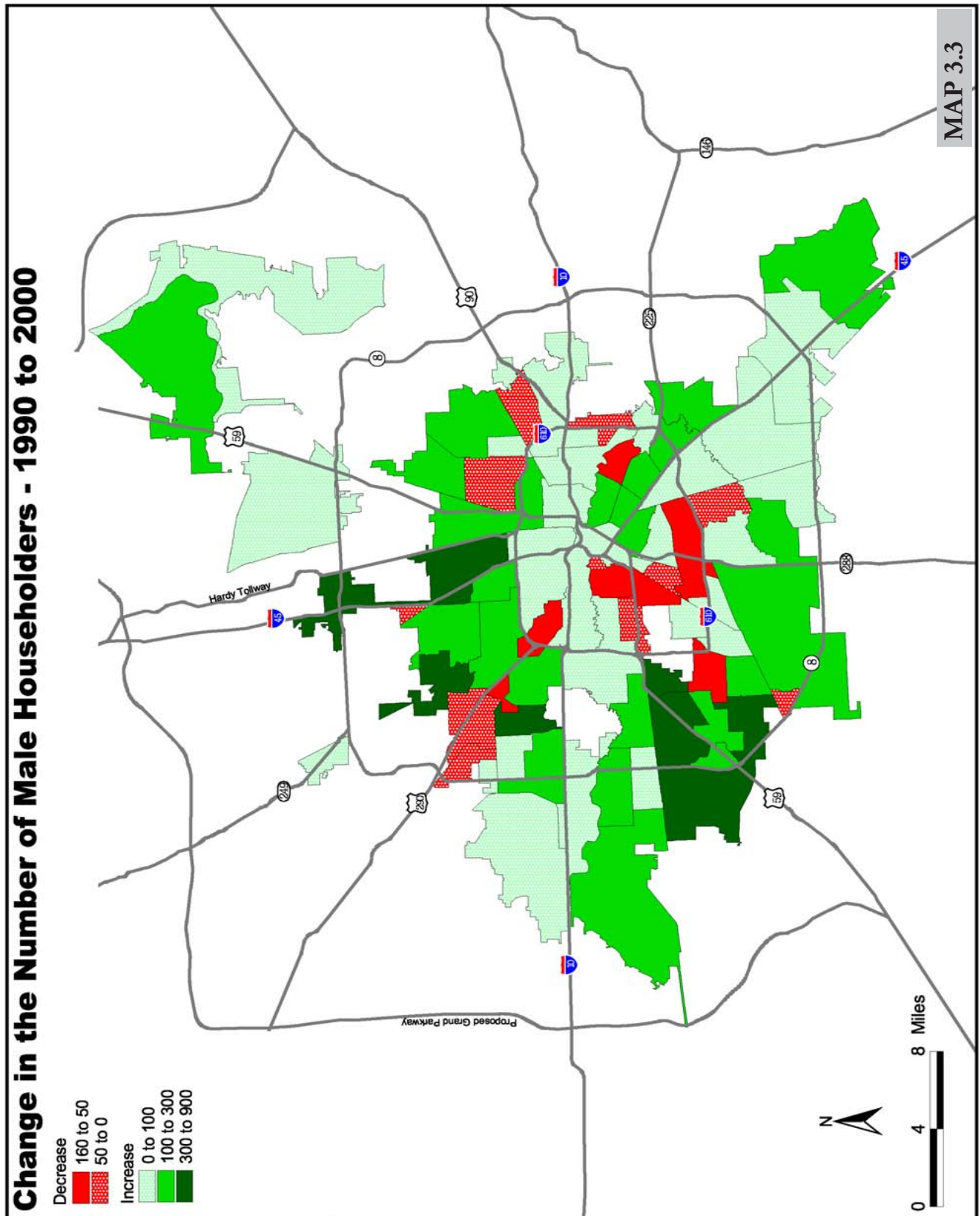
fell from 20% to 17% of all “Other” householders.

Hispanics: Between 1990 and 2000 there was a slight decline in the percentage of Hispanic households that were non-family households, from 20% to 19%.

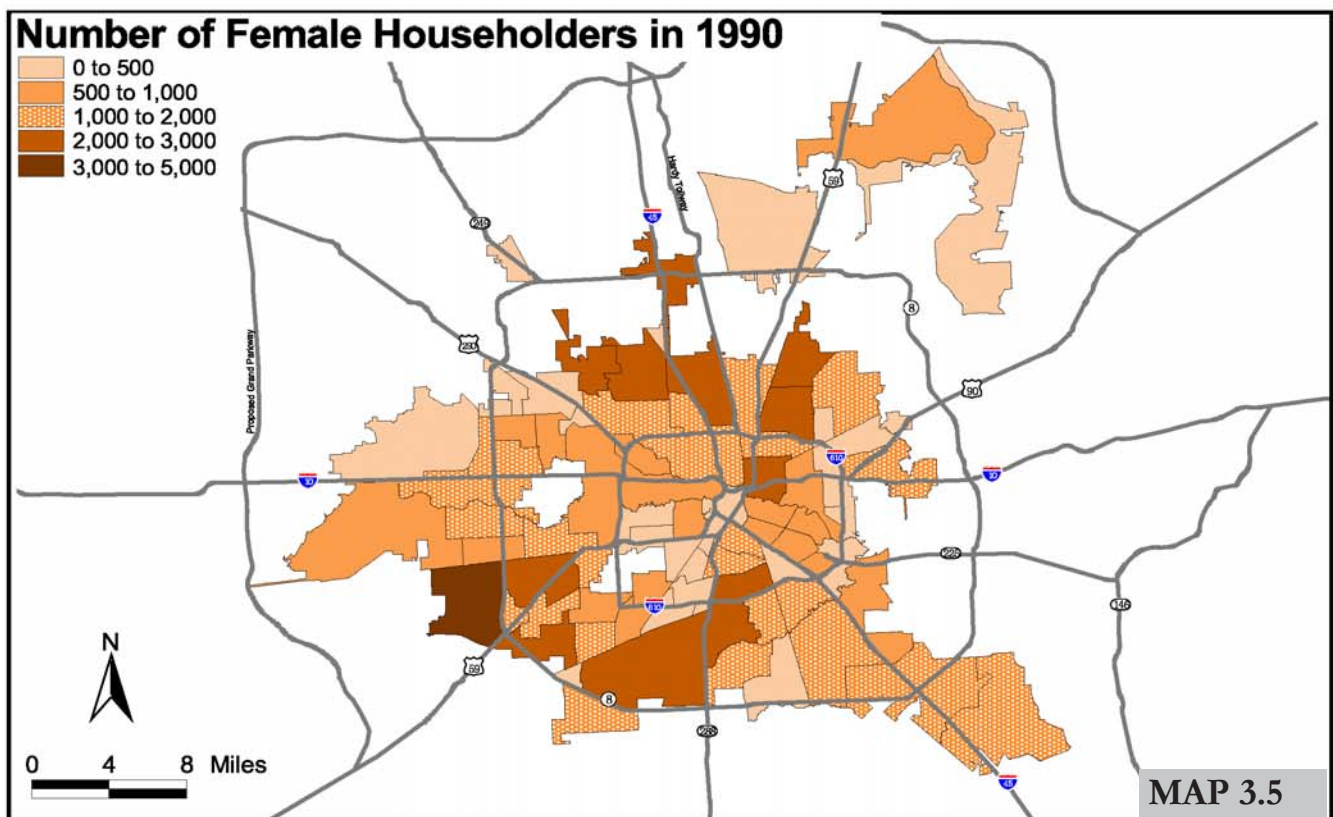
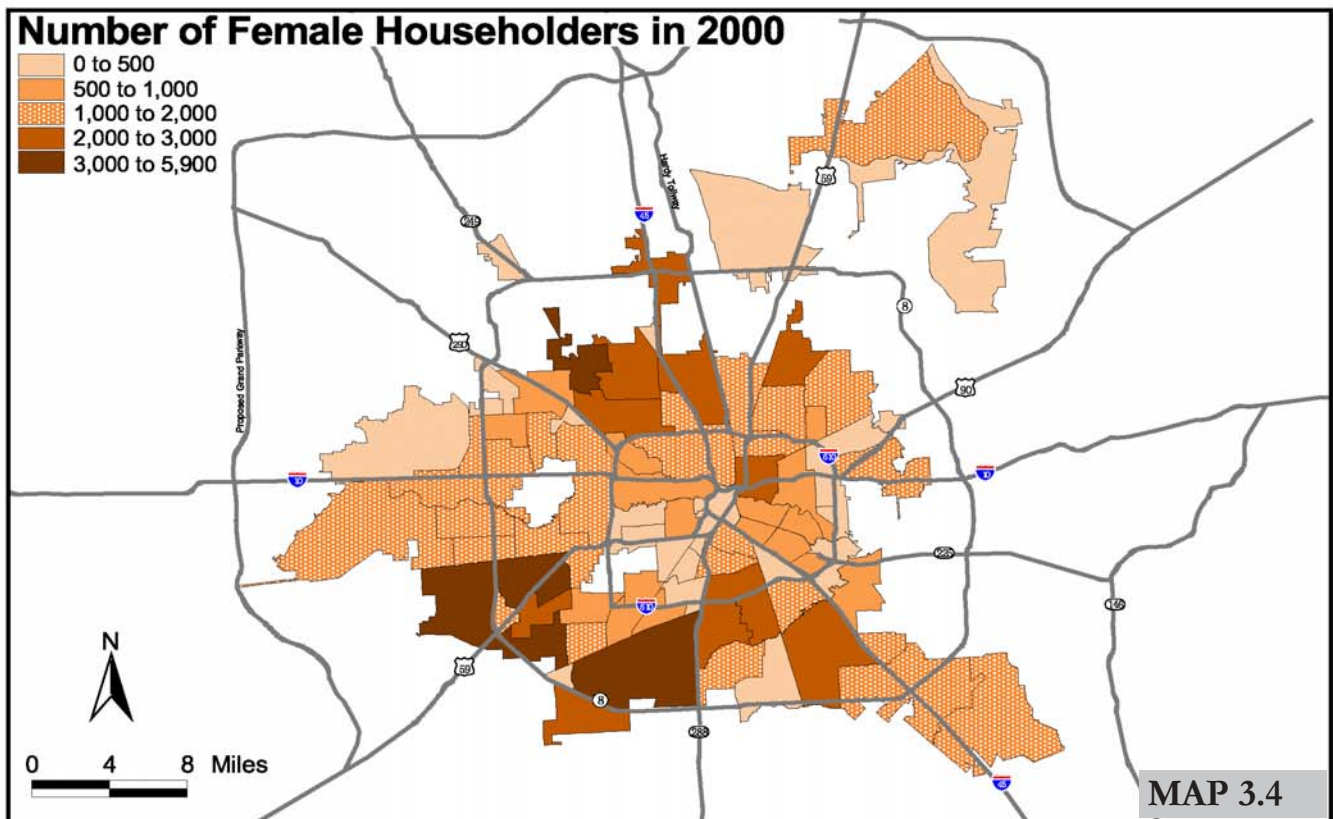
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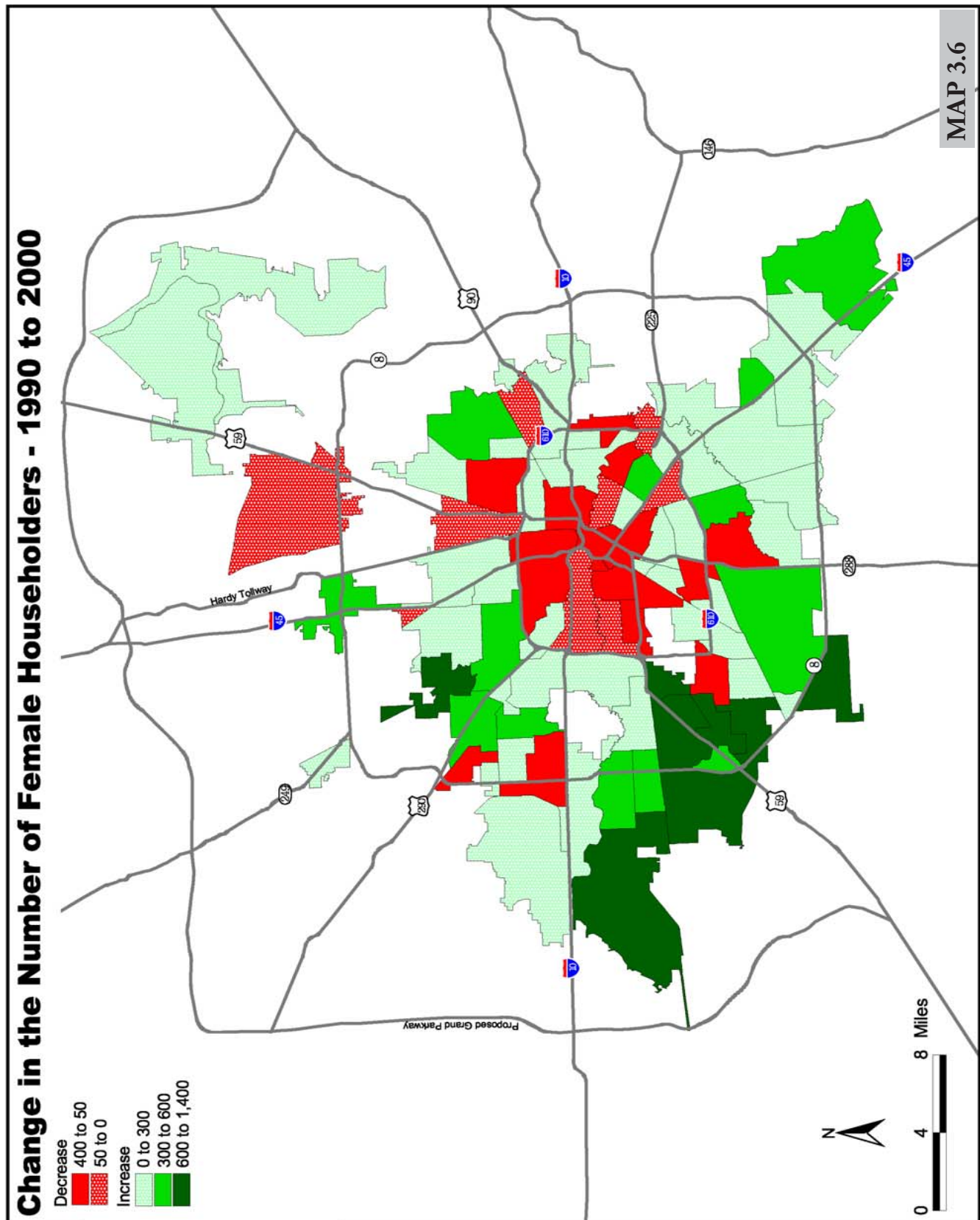
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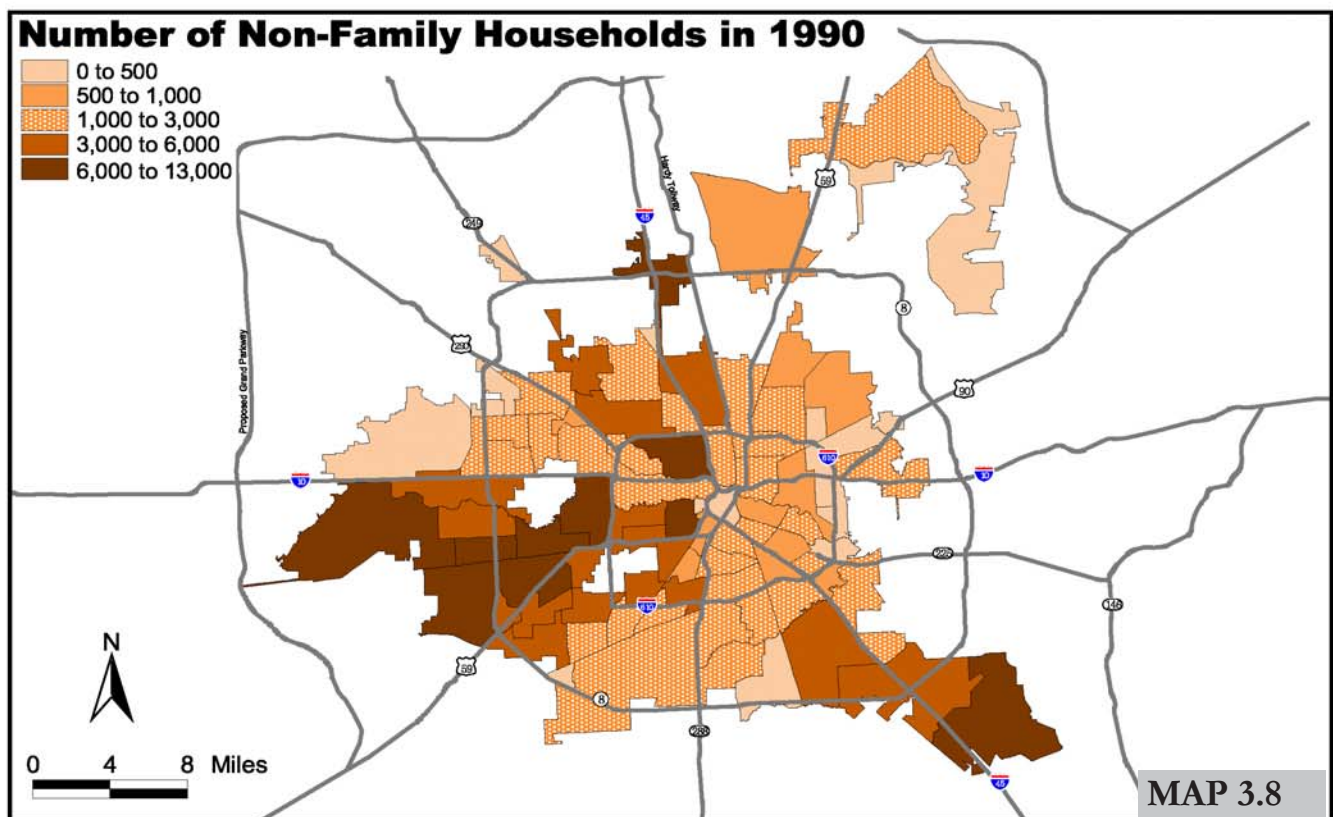
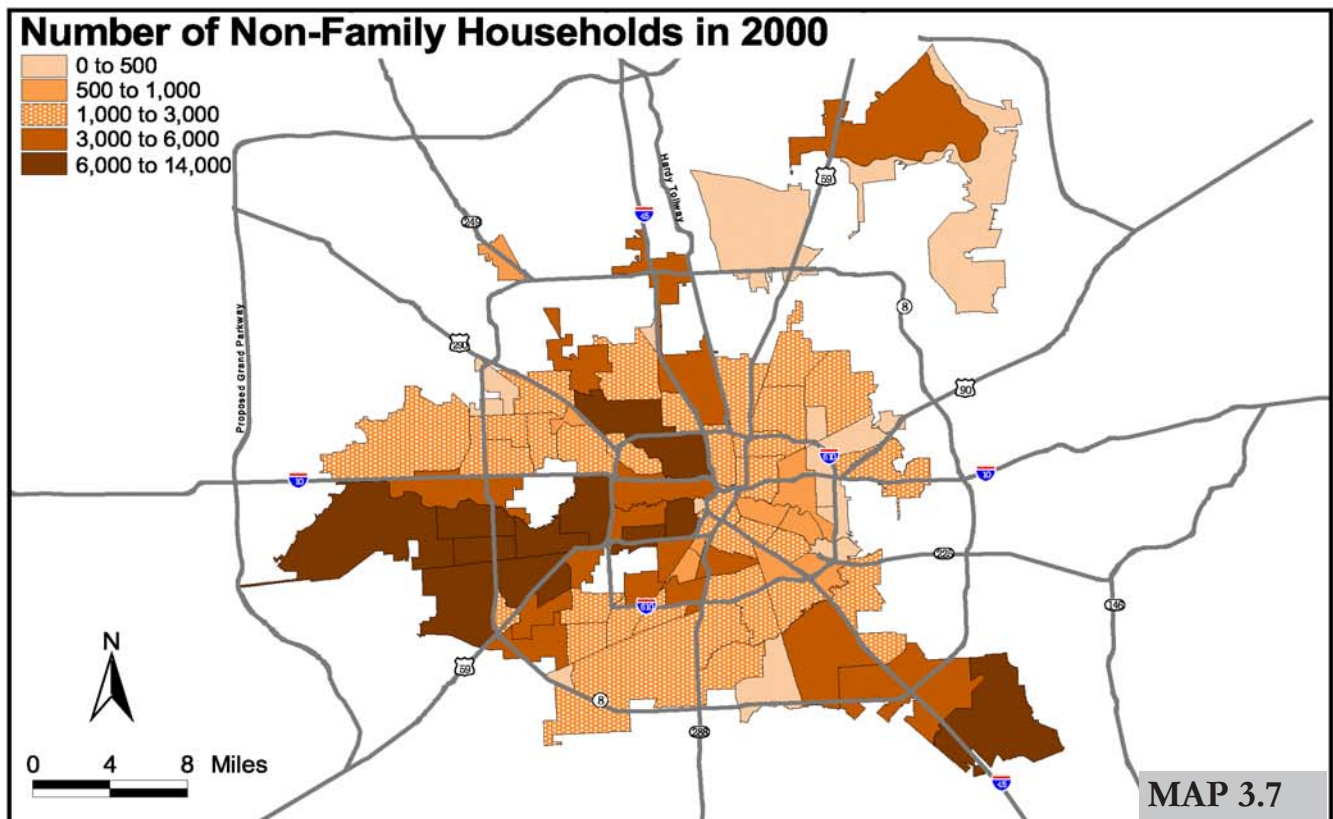
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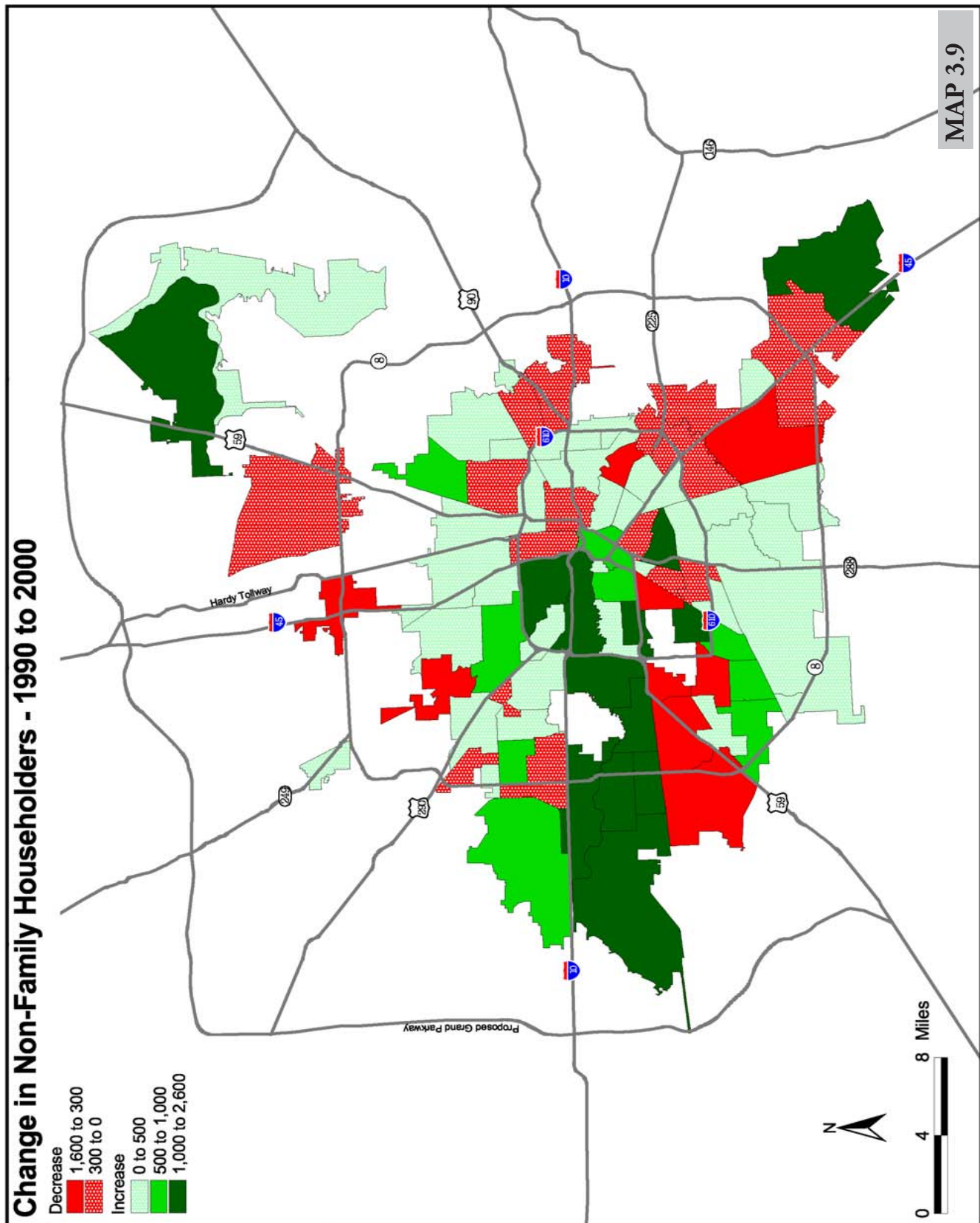
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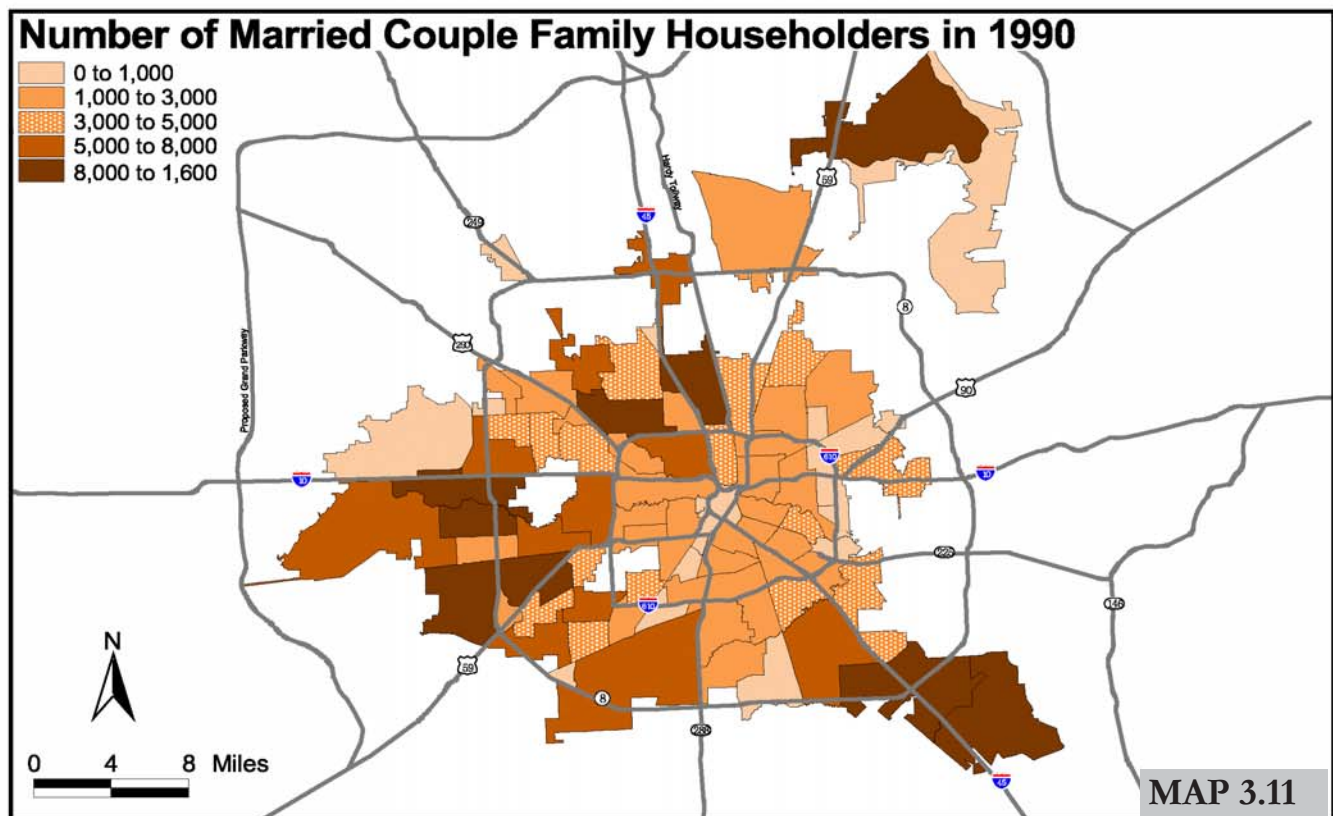
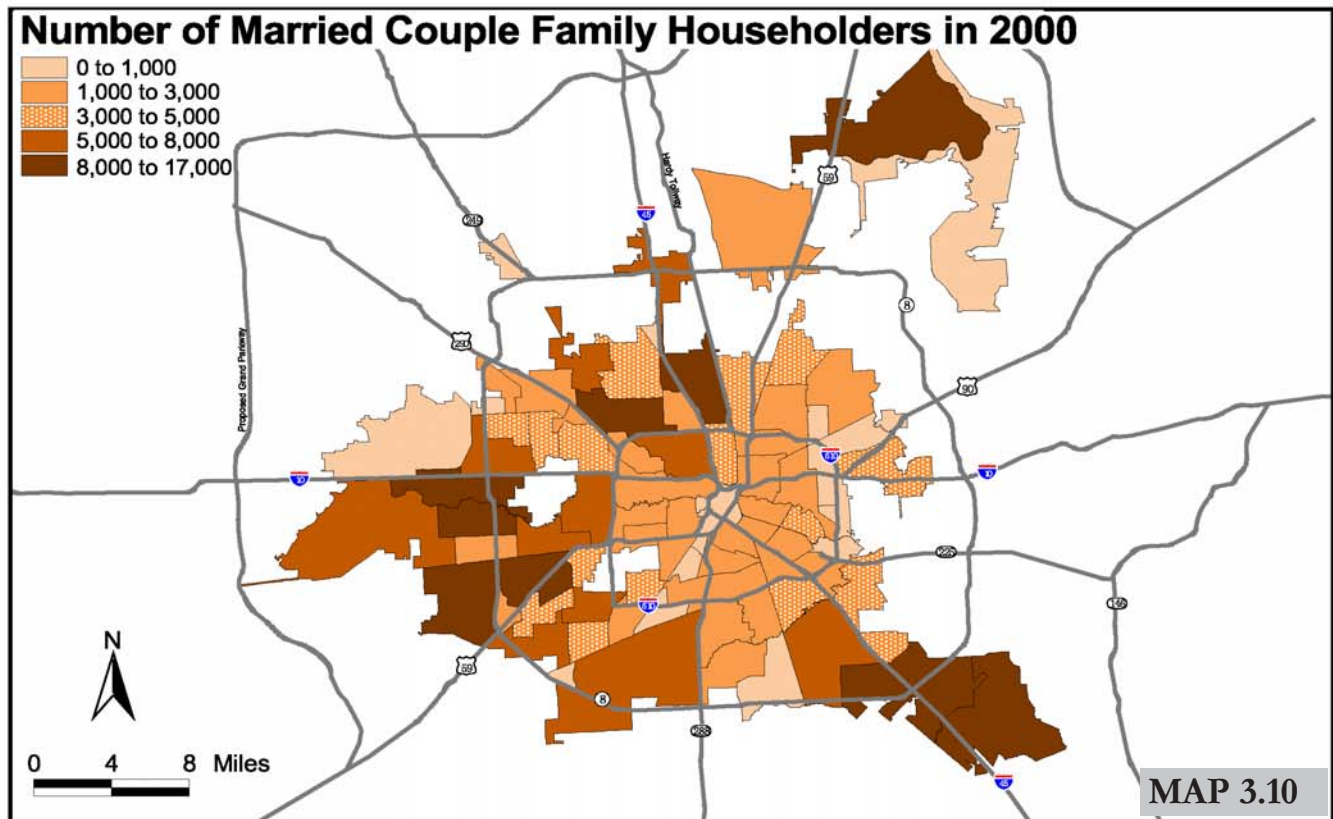
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